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Solid Waste Program-Land Management Administration Report of Observations

Case # _____

2003-WMF-0582

Type of Inspection/Observations: _____ (SW) Solid Waste, Landfill Visit _____

Date Tues. 2/21/12

Site/Facility Name: _____ Site B Municipal Landfill (LF) Vertical Expansion _____

Time In: 09:46 AM

Location: _____ 9031 Reichs Ford Road; Frederick 21704 (Frederick County) _____

Time Out: 12:50 PM

Remarks (**Background**): Rich Wolters of MDE Water Management Administration contacted me regarding the issue of Food Composting at the Landfill. MDE Land and Water Management Administrations have recently initiated an effort to look more closely at facilities which may be conducting food composting on site, in order to insure that all of the necessary permits (both Water and Land Administration) are in place for this activity.

(**Observations & Actions**): I met Rich Wolters on site. We spoke with Superintendent Phil Harris of the Landfill. Phil said that the facility is not doing food composting, and doesn't have plans to in the foreseeable future. He said that there has been some discussion of the P/T (Processing/Transfer) Facility (Permit 2011-WPT-0604) possibly acting as a supplier of commercial food composting facilities (i.e food waste coming into the P/T facility might be segregated for this purpose), but Phil said that if real plans are made to do this, the facility will certainly be in communication with MDE to insure that all of the necessary requirements are in place in order to conduct such an activity.

Phil, Rich and I briefly toured the Natural Wood Waste (NWW) and leaf/grass composting pad, which is on top of the old Rubble Fill. We also visited a couple of the surrounding storm water ponds. Rich had a question about a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for this area of the landfill, and will be following up on that issue.

Concluding, Food Composting is not being done in the NWW area or anywhere else on the landfill, nor is it being done at the Processing/Transfer Station. The County does NOT currently have plans to do Food Composting here. If more concrete plans are developed for the P/T Facility to become a supplier of the raw material (i.e., food waste) for legitimate off-site food composting facilities, they will be done so, according to Phil Harris, under the advice of MDE, insuring that all MDE requirements for this food waste supplier activity are in place.

Observer: James P. Wagner

Person Interviewed: Phil Harris

